

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraphs [0011] and [0012] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0011] In a cargo space 1 of a motor vehicle, in the present case a station wagon, there is provided as a protective device a cargo-space cover 3 which is positioned directly behind a back-rest arrangement of a bench and extends between opposing side walls 2 of the cargo space 1. The cargo-space cover 3 has a cassette housing which is fixedly anchored to the vehicle in the area of the back-rest arrangement or in the area of the opposing side walls 2. A web-like flat sheet, which can be rolled up, is supported in the cassette housing. The flat sheet is, for this purpose, fastened on a roller shaft which is rotatably supported in the cassette housing. A restoring spring acts in a basically known manner onto the roller shaft, which restoring spring loads, as a drive system in the form of a spring store, the flat sheet in a winding-up direction. A dimensionally stable pull-out part 4 is arranged on the front end of the flat sheet, which pull-out part is designed mainly as a contoured part. The pull-out part 4 has coupled thereto in the area of the opposing vehicle sides pull strands 5 which are guided in suitable guide elements having guideways 10 provided in the side walls of the cargo space 1. The guide elements 10 for each strand 5 have a drive system 6, ~~mainly in the form of an electric motor. Other embodiments of the invention include~~ that is one of an electric, pneumatic, hydraulic or mechanical drive systemsystem. Preferably the drive system 6 is the electric drive system having an electric motor. The pull-out part 4 is moved in response to a movement of the two drive strands 5, namely in a pull-out plane toward and away from the cassette housing.

[0012] In order to achieve at any time a synchronism of both drive systems 6, a mechanical synchronization gearing assembly, in the present case in the form of a flexible push/pull means, namely in the form of a flexible rack 7, is provided. The rack 7 is installed by means of guideways not illustrated in detail in the side walls 2 of the cargo space 1 and below a floor of the cargo space. Also, the two drive strands 5 each have a synchronous-belt or rack drive feature thereon. In order to transfer suitable rotation motion in the same direction from the electric drive motors of the drive systems 6 onto the drive strands 5, a drive pinion 8 is mounted onto each drive shaft of each drive ~~motor~~system 6. The drive pinions 8 each mate with a corresponding section of the rack 7 and the rack on each ~~strand-5~~strand 5. In addition, each drive pinion 8 of the two drive systems 6 mating with the rack 7 serves to synchronize the movements of the pinions 8 by automatically transferring and in the same ratio a corresponding movement to each drive strand 5. Besides the flexible rack 7 and corresponding guideways for the flexible rack 7, which guideways are installed inside of the vehicle, no further components are needed in order to achieve the desired mechanical synchronization of the two drive systems 6.